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Hello Public Utilities Commission,

I request a public hearing in the rulemaking on Certificates of Need, Power Plant Siting, and Route Permits for High-Voltage Transmission Lines. **I oppose the proposed amendments in their entirety.**

My letter will look much like the others submitted because I agree with them and think they have stated my objections clearly and succinctly, not because I have not put thought in this issue.

We are facing a global climate emergency. Frontline communities are disproportionately harmed both by climate change and other pollution impacts from energy generation, and it is critical that Commission rules adequately protect these people. Decisions made around power plants and transmission siting have impacts for decades, and proposed rules must be crafted with input from stakeholders and members of the public and ensure a public engagement process that is accessible to all while prioritizing Tribal Nations and impacted communities. These rules fail to do so. Your role includes protecting Indigenous rights and creating environmental justice. These concerns should be primary in the PUC's decision making processes. And the PUC must require accountability of energy companies for ensuring a less toxic planet and paying for externalities - ALL the health and potential risk costs of doing business. The survival of so much life is at stake.

I understand you would allow project proposers to set the timeline for their own permit approvals behind closed doors with the agency. I am dismayed that that the PUC continues to disregard everyday citizens while they accommodate big business at every turn.

I look forward to a public hearing before an Administrative Law Judge. The Commission should scrap these rules and make plans to do their job of protecting Minnesotans and our climate.

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